



State Senator

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Legislative Update

The following bills were introduced this week. Should you wish to learn more about the proposed legislation, please visit www.michiganlegislature.org and enter the bill number where indicated. The web-site will provide you with the bill's language as introduced and an analysis describing how the bill will affect area industry, the economy and consumers.

Senator Garcia is eager to learn how you feel about proposed legislation. He welcomes your responses via e-mail at senvgarcia@senate.michigan.gov.

BREAKING NEWS FROM SENATOR GARCIA'S OFFICE

A Legislative Bulletin for Residents of the 22nd District

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| SB 959 | MARRIAGE AND FAMILY COUNSELING (McManus)
Expands individuals who can accept payment and perform marriage and family counseling to service providers offering a recommended voluntary fee schedule. |
| SB 960 | PREDIVORCE PROGRAM (Barcia)
Requires divorcing parties with a minor child or pregnancy to complete an educational pre-divorce program. |
| SB 961 | MARRIAGE PRESERVATION TAX CREDIT (Cropsey)
Establishes criteria for program to qualify for marriage preservation income tax credit. |
| SB 963 | MARRIAGE LICENSE INFO (Hardiman)
Requires marriage license and certificate to include statement with a check-off box indicating that both parties have or have not received premarital education. |
| SB 964 | MARRIAGE LICENSE ISSUANCE (Sanborn) Requires pre-marriage program or longer waiting period as prerequisites for issuance of a marriage license. |
| SB 965 | INTERESTS OF THE CHILD (Garcia)
Clarifies certain criteria for determining "interests of the child" in court. |
| SB 966 | PARENTING PLAN (Kuipers)
Adds parenting plan procedures and content to Child Custody Act. |
| SB 967 | JOB INFORMATION SERVICE (Thomas)
Establishes job information service to link urban residents and suburban jobs. |
| SB 962 | MARRIAGE PRESERVATION CREDIT (Cropsey)
Provides for marriage preservation income tax credit. |
| SB 968 | PRETRIAL SERVICES PROGRAM (Cassis) |

	Creates pretrial services program act to establish criteria for releasing criminal defendants on bail and for revoking bail.
SB 969	LAND PURCHASING ANALYSIS (McManus) Requires cost analysis of purchasing parcels of land to belong to the state.
SB 970	DUAL ENROLLMENT ELIGIBILITY (Jelinek) Revises eligibility for dual enrollment in Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act.
SB 971	DUAL ENROLLMENT ELIGIBILITY (Jelinek) Clarifies eligibility for dual enrollment in Career and Technical Preparation Act.
SB 972	CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR POLICY (Patterson) Creates conscientious objector policy act to provide standards for personnel policies to protect the conscience of health care providers who object to providing or participating in certain health care services or circumstances.
SB 974	PUBLIC SCHOOL DEFINITION (Stamas) Revises definition of "public school" for retirement service credit purposes.
SB 975	MARRIED SEXUAL CONDUCT VICTIM (Patterson) Provides for presumption that victim did not consent to sexual conduct if the victim or the actor is married at the time of the alleged violation to a person other than the actor or victim.
SB 976	SENIOR PUBLIC UTILITIES RATE (Clark) Revises public utilities discount rate for senior citizens so it does not penalize users if they use more than discount threshold.
SB 977	WATER POLLUTION REPORTING (Gilbert) Establishes water pollution reporting protocol in part 31 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act.
SB 978	EDUCATION TAX REIMBURSEMENT (Brown) Revises reimbursement for collection of state education tax to include the tax collected before transmitting it to the state treasurer.
SB 979	NURSE PRACTITIONER PHYSICALS (Patterson) Adds certified nurse practitioner to individuals authorized to conduct and certify annual physical examinations required for school vehicle drivers.
SB 980	NURSE PRACTITIONER PHYSICALS (Patterson) Authorizes a certified nurse practitioner to complete certification of driver license applicant's physical condition.
SB 981	HANDICAP PARKING STICKER ISSUANCE (Thomas) Adds certified nurse practitioners as individuals authorized to complete medical certification required to obtain a handicap parking sticker, certificate, placard, plate or tab.
SB 982	NURSE PRACTITIONER PHYSICAL (Bishop) Allows nurse practitioners to perform required physical examination for all civil service applicants.
SB 983	NURSE PRACTITIONER PHYSICAL (Hammerstrom) Allows physician or nurse practitioner to conduct physical examination and certify a medical statement for child adoption pre-placement assessments. t
SB 984	NURSE PRACTITIONER PHYSICAL (Hammerstrom) Authorizes physician or certified nurse practitioner to complete medical statement required for licensure or certification as foster parents.
SB 985	NURSE PRACTITIONER PHYSICAL (Kuipers) Allows physician or certified nurse practitioner to perform required physical examination for all civil service applicants.
SB 986	DEATH CERTIFICATE AUTHORIZATION (Brater) Adds nurse practitioner as individual authorized to complete a medical certification of a death record.
SB 987	NURSE PRACTITIONER PHYSICAL (Patterson) Adds a certified nurse practitioner as individual authorized to conduct and certify the physical examination of required medical certification for licensure as a driver's training instructor.
SB 988	NURSE PRACTITIONER PHYSICAL (Patterson)

	Allows physician or certified nurse practitioner to perform physical examinations required to boxers, referees and judges before participating in a boxing contest.
SB 989	NURSE PRACTITIONER PHYSICAL (Patterson) Allows physician or nurse practitioner to sign physical examination form required with emergency medical technicians application.
SB 990	STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS TOLLING (Bishop) Revises provision regarding tolling of statute of limitations to include that a copy of the summons and complaint by served upon the defendant within the time set forth in the court rules.
SB 991	HOSPITAL COMPLIANCE CRITERIA (Allen) Revises certain hospital compliance criteria.
SR 211	RAILROAD SAFETY (Kuipers) Commends railroads and the United Transportation Union operating in the state for improving their safety and efficiency by taking advantage of the innovative technology used for remote-controlled locomotives
SR 212	RONALD REAGAN DAY (Sikkema) Recognizes February 6, 2004, as former President Ronald Reagan Day in the state.
SR 213	TAIWAN W.H.O. PARTICIPATION (Clarke) Expresses support for the Republic of China on Taiwan's participation in the World Health Organization.
SR 214	LAKE ST. CLAIR WATER QUALITY (Gilbert) rges the Department of Environmental Quality and the Office of the Great Lakes to work with the EPA Great Lakes National Program Office to develop a pilot project to provide real-time monitoring of water quality for Lake St. Clair and the St. Clair River.
SR 215	HEALTH MARRIAGE INITIATIVE (Hardiman) Supports President George W. Bush's Health Marriage Initiative
SJR H	PUBLIC INSTRUCTION APPOINTMENT (Kuipers) Provides a Constitutional amendment to provide for gubernatorial appointment of superintendent of public instruction.

Committee Schedule

Committee meetings are subject to change

HOUSE

House Committee	Judiciary
Clerk Phone Number	517-373-7256
Location	308 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
Date	Tuesday, 2/17/2004
Time	9:00 AM
Agenda	<p>HB 5368 Farhat Children; support; publication of a most wanted list for delinquent child support obligors; create.</p> <p>HB 5369 Robertson Children; support; graduated penalty scheme for unpaid support; provide for.</p> <p>HB 5370 LaJoy Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines graduated penalty scheme for unpaid support; enact.</p> <p>HB 5371 Amos Children; support; incarceration credits; limit.</p> <p>HB 5372 Garfield Children; support; bond requirements for felony nonsupport; increase.</p> <p>HB 5373 Nofs Children; support; bond requirements for felony nonsupport; increase.</p> <p>HB 5466 Emmons Probate; powers of attorney; length of delegation of parental powers by individuals serving in armed forces; extend.</p>
Chair	Representative Jim Howell

Clerk Phone Number	517-373-2013
Location	307 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
Date	Tuesday, 2/17/2004
Time	9:00 AM
Agenda	<p>SB 432 Hammerstrom Elections; other; provisions governing training election officials, names on ballots, challenging certain electors, rejected ballots, stray marks on ballots, and canvassing certain elections; revise and enact additional misdemeanors.</p> <p>SB 350 Brown Elections; ballots; printed instructions on ballots, voting devices, and placards clarifying assistance available from election officials; require.</p> <p>HB 5482 Ward Elections; election officials; appointment of a local receiving board; allow.</p> <p>HB 5410 Ward Elections; recall; petition requirement for a recall; revise to require the collection of 25% of the voters in the last gubernatorial election in each precinct.</p>
Chair	Representative Chris Ward
House Committee	Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security
Clerk Phone Number	517-373-8099
Location	327 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
Date	Tuesday, 2/17/2004
Time	9:00 AM
Agenda	Presentation by Dr. Jonathan White, terrorism expert and Senior Research Associate with the Institute of Intergovernmental Research.
Chair	Representative Mike Nofs
House Committee	Agriculture and Resource Management
Clerk Phone Number	517-373-8538
Location	327 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
Date	Tuesday, 2/17/2004
Time	10:30 AM
Agenda	<p>HR 195 Meyer A resolution to urge the President of the United States to remove sugar from the list of commodities to be included in the Central American Free Trade Agreement.</p> <p>Presentation by Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB) regarding MFB Policy Books</p>
Chair	Representative Tom Meyer
House Committee	Health Policy
Clerk Phone Number	517-373-5795
Location	521 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
Date	Tuesday, 2/17/2004
Time	10:30 AM
Agenda	<p>SB 206 Johnson Occupations; individual licensing and regulation; audiologists; establish licensing.</p> <p>HB 4361 Reeves Insurance; health care corporations; coverage for nurse midwives; provide for.</p> <p>HB 4362 Reeves Insurance; health; coverage for nurse midwives; provide for.</p> <p>HR 113 Wojno A resolution to urge the United States Congress to support the Lifespan Respite Care Act of 2003.</p> <p>HR 167 Hoogendyk A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States and the Michigan Department of Community Health to provide assistance to pregnancy care centers in Michigan.</p>
Chair	Representative Stephen R Ehardt
House Committee	Appropriations: General Government
Clerk Phone Number	517-373-8080
Location	308 House Office Building, Lansing, MI

Date Tuesday, 2/17/2004
Time 11:00 AM
Agenda FY 2005 Budget Decision-Making
-Attorney General
-Civil Rights
-Executive Office
-General Sections of Boilerplate
Chair Representative Shelley Taub

House Committee Appropriations: Economic Development
Clerk Phone Number 517-373-8080
Location House Appropriations Committee Room, 3rd Floor, State Capitol Building
Date Tuesday, 2/17/2004
Time 11:00 AM
Agenda FY 2004-05 Budget
-Department of Labor and Economic Growth Overview
-Regulatory Overview
-Public Testimony - Regulatory area, Department of Labor and Economic Growth
Chair Representative Marc Shulman

House Committee Appropriations: State Police and Military and Veterans Affairs
Clerk Phone Number 517-373-8080
Location House Appropriations Committee Room, 3rd Floor, State Capitol Building
Date Tuesday, 2/17/2004
Time 2:00 PM or after committees are given leave by the House to meet, whichever time is later.
Agenda FY 2004-05 State Police budget
-Overview
-Presentation by department

FY 2004-05 Military and Veterans Affairs budget
-Overview
-Presentation by department
Chair Representative Sandra Caul

House Committee Government Operations
Clerk Phone Number 517-373-5795
Location 326 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
Date Tuesday, 2/17/2004
Time 2:00 PM or after committees are given leave by the House to meet, whichever time is later.
Agenda Presentation by:
Office of the Auditor General regarding the Performance Audit of the Bureau of Local Government Services (Department of Treasury)
Chair Representative James L Koetje
House Committee Appropriations: Family Independence Agency
Clerk Phone Number 517-373-8080
Location House Appropriations Committee Room, 3rd Floor, State Capitol Building
Date Wednesday, 2/18/2004
Time 8:30 AM
Agenda FIA Overview - FY 2005 Executive Budget Proposal and Administrative Issues.

FIA Overview Major Systems Projects.

FIA Overview Staffing Issues.
Chair Representative Jerry O Kooiman

House Committee Appropriations: Joint Capital Outlay
Clerk Phone Number 517-373-8080

Location Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, State Capitol Building
Date Wednesday, 2/18/2004
Time 8:45 AM
Agenda Use and Finance Statements
Kellogg CC planning document approvals
Non-State owned building leases
Discuss Use and Finance audit plans
Chair Representative Scott Shackleton

House Committee Energy and Technology
Clerk Phone Number 517-373-8538
Location 519 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
Date Wednesday, 2/18/2004
Time 9:00 AM
Agenda FOR TESTIMONY ONLY:

[HB 4187](#) Anderson Communications; telecommunications; notification of long-distance charges to customer using a pay telephone; require.
Chair Representative Ken Bradstreet

House Committee Commerce
Clerk Phone Number 517-373-5632
Location 326 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
Date Wednesday, 2/18/2004
Time 10:30 AM
Agenda TO BE ANNOUNCED
Chair Representative Clark Bisbee

House Committee Conservation and Outdoor Recreation
Clerk Phone Number 517-373-2013
Location 307 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
Date Wednesday, 2/18/2004
Time 10:30 AM
Agenda [SB 221](#) Garcia Weapons; concealed; carrying a pistol in area frequented by game; allow if individual has, or is exempt from having, a concealed weapon permit.

[HB 5427](#) Acciavatti Weapons; licensing; licensing and inspection requirements for certain antique firearms; clarify.

[HB 5428](#) Amos Weapons; other; inspection requirements for certain antique firearms; clarify.

[HB 5429](#) Milosch Weapons; licensing; licensing requirements for certain antique firearms; clarify.
Chair Representative Susan Tabor

House Committee Criminal Justice
Clerk Phone Number 517-373-7256
Location 327 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
Date Wednesday, 2/18/2004
Time 10:30 AM
Agenda [SB 681](#) Cherry Criminal procedure; preliminary examination; expert testimony by video conferencing; allow.

[HB 5174](#) Robertson Crimes; other; penalties for certain adulterations of drugs and medicine; increase.

[HB 5175](#) Nofs Health; pharmaceuticals; penalty for adulterating, misbranding, or substituting a drug or device with the intent to defraud; enhance in certain circumstances.

[HB 5176](#) Farhat Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; crime of adulterating, misbranding, or

substituting drugs; provide for.

[HB 5177](#) Ehardt Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; increased penalties for certain adulterations of drugs and medicine; provide.

[HB 5178](#) Casperson Corrections; parole; provision relating to nonparolable life sentences; expand to include certain convictions.

Chair Representative William Van Regenmorter

House Committee Appropriations: History, Arts, and Libraries
Clerk Phone Number 517-373-8080
Location 308 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
Date Wednesday, 2/18/2004
Time 11:00 AM
Agenda Presentation - Detroit Public Library
Presentation - Grand Rapids Public Library
Chair Representative Fran Amos

House Committee Family and Children Services
Clerk Phone Number 517-373-7256
Location 307 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
Date Wednesday, 2/18/2004
Time 2:00 PM or after committees are given leave by the House to meet, whichever time is later.
Agenda [HB 4654](#) Lipsey Children; support; child support amnesty program for arrearages; provide for.

[HB 5259](#) Stahl Children; support; nonprosecution for arrearages in friend of the court cases if payer is participating in child support amnesty program; provide for.

[HB 5261](#) Elkins Children; support; nonprosecution under the support and parenting time enforcement act for arrearages if payer is participating in child support amnesty program; provide for.

[HB 5262](#) Hart Children; support; nonprosecution under the penal code for failure to support a child if the individual is participating in child support amnesty program; provide for.

[HB 4476](#) Vander Veen Human services; long-term care; Michigan lifespan respite services program; create.

FOR TESTIMONY ONLY:

[SB 702](#) Hammerstrom Children; adoption; residency requirement for adoptive parents; revise.

Chair Representative Lauren M Hager

House Committee Land Use and Environment
Clerk Phone Number 517-373-5632
Location 326 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
Date Wednesday, 2/18/2004
Time 2:00 PM or after committees are given leave by the House to meet, whichever time is later.
Agenda [HB 4929](#) Ward Environmental protection; water pollution; disclosure procedures for discharges of untreated or partially treated sewage; require for privately owned wastewater treatment facilities.
Chair Representative Ruth Johnson

House Committee Select Committee on the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department
Clerk Phone Number 517-373-0015
Location 308 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
Date Wednesday, 2/18/2004
Time 2:00 PM or after committees are given leave by the House to meet, whichever time is later.
Agenda Review, research and evaluate information from the following tours:

	-Lansing Board of Water and Light -Grand Rapids Water Department -Detroit Water and Sewerage Department
Chair	Representative Shelley Taub
House Committee	Appropriations: Judiciary
Clerk Phone Number	517-373-8080
Location	House Appropriations Committee Room, 3rd Floor, State Capitol Building
Date	Thursday, 2/19/2004
Time	8:30 AM
Agenda	FY 2004-05 Judiciary Budget.
	Presentation from the Honorable Maura D. Corrigan, Chief Justice, Michigan Supreme Court.
	Presentation from the Honorable William C. Whitbeck, Chief Judge, Michigan Court of Appeals.
Chair	Representative John C Stewart
House Committee	Senior Health, Security and Retirement
Clerk Phone Number	517-373-5632
Location	327 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
Date	Thursday, 2/19/2004
Time	9:00 AM
Agenda	SB 635 Hammerstrom Health facilities; homes for the aged; waiver of age limitations for residency in a home for the aged; provide for under certain circumstances.
Chair	Representative Gary Woronchak
House Committee	Transportation
Clerk Phone Number	517-373-8538
Location	307 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
Date	Thursday, 2/19/2004
Time	9:00 AM
Agenda	HR 168 Casperson A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States and the United States Department of Transportation to permit the use of 75-foot crib carrier log hauling equipment.
	FOR TESTIMONY ONLY:
	HB 5008 Huizenga Vehicles; registration; registration of motorcycle license plate to expire on individuals birthday; require.
Chair	Representative Gene DeRossett
House Committee	Appropriations: Family Independence Agency
Clerk Phone Number	517-373-8080
Location	House Appropriations Committee Room, 3rd Floor, State Capitol Building
Date	Thursday, 2/19/2004
Time	1:00 PM or after committees are given leave by the House to meet, whichever time is later.
Agenda	Overview presented by the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth on Work First Program.
	FIA Overview of Grant Programs (Including update on work programs, food assistance, FIA program accuracy rates and fraud/abuse, etc.).
	FIA Overview of Temporary Assistance For Needy Families (TANF).
	FIA Overview of Child Day Care Program.
	FIA Overview of Office of Child Support.
Chair	Representative Jerry O Kooiman

SENATE

Senate Committee Judiciary
Clerk Phone Number 373-3760
Location Room 210, Farnum Building
Date Tuesday, 2/17/2004
Time 1:00 PM
Agenda [HB 5029](#), [HB 5199](#)

PENDING REFERRAL:
A bill to establish drug treatment courts.
A bill regarding controlled substances penalties for drug treatment court participants.
A bill regarding youthful trainee program coordination with drug treatment courts.

Chair Senator Alan L Cropsey

Senate Committee Appropriations: Judiciary & Corrections
Clerk Phone Number 373-3760
Location Senate Hearing Room, 1st Floor, Boji Tower
Date Tuesday, 2/17/2004
Time 3:00 PM
Agenda Review of the Governor's FY 2004-05 Budget Recommendation for the Dept. of Corrections

[SB 829](#)

PENDING REFERRAL: [HB 5479](#), 5480

Chair Senator Alan L Cropsey

Senate Committee Commerce & Labor
Clerk Phone Number 373-2413
Location Room 100, Farnum Building
Date Tuesday, 2/17/2004
Time 3:00 PM
Agenda [SB 647](#)

Presentation by the Michigan Chamber of Commerce

Chair Senator Jason Allen

Senate Committee Natural Resources & Environmental Affairs
Clerk Phone Number 373-1854
Location Room 110, Farnum Building
Date Tuesday, 2/17/2004
Time 3:00 PM
Agenda Land Use Report by: Gill White & Nick Infante (Michigan Assn. of Realtors); Dan Gilmartin (Michigan Municipal League); Dan Kildee (Genesee County Treasurer)

[HB 4098](#), [HB 4099](#), [HB 5234](#), [HB 5235](#)

Chair Senator Patricia L Birkholz

Senate Committee Appropriations: Capital Outlay, Joint
Clerk Phone Number 373-2629
Location Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building
Date Wednesday, 2/18/2004
Time 8:45 AM
Agenda Use & Finance Statements
Kellogg Community College planning document approvals
Non-State owned building leases
Discuss Use & Finance audit plans

Chair Representative Scott Shackleton

Senate Committee Appropriations

Clerk Phone Number 373-2523
Location Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building
Date Wednesday, 2/18/2004
Time 1:00 PM
Agenda Fiscal Year 2004-05 Executive Budget Overview by Gary Olson, Director, Senate Fiscal Agency
Chair Senator Shirley Johnson

Senate Committee Finance
Clerk Phone Number 373-1758
Location Room 110, Farnum Building
Date Wednesday, 2/18/2004
Time 1:00 PM
Agenda [HB 4702](#), [SB 581](#), [SB 582](#)
Chair Senator Nancy Cassis

Senate Committee Technology & Energy
Clerk Phone Number 373-7350
Location Room 210, Farnum Building
Date Wednesday, 2/18/2004
Time 3:00 PM
Agenda Presentation on Electric Utility Issues by Dr. Ken Rose, Institute of Public Utilities, Michigan State University & Economist Consultant
Chair Senator Bruce Patterson
Senate Committee Agriculture, Forestry & Tourism
Clerk Phone Number 373-1635
Location Room 110, Farnum Building
Date Thursday, 2/19/2004
Time 8:00 AM
Agenda [SB 217](#)
Chair Senator Gerald Van Woerkom

Senate Committee Appropriations: Community Health
Clerk Phone Number 373-7946
Location Rooms 402 and 403, Capitol Building
Date Thursday, 2/19/2004
Time 2:00 P.M.
Agenda Administration, Aging, and Public Health Overview; Public Testimony
Chair Senator Tony Stamas